Amendments to the Claims:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A submersible pumping system for pumping wellbore fluid, comprising:

a motor assembly;

a pump assembly connected to the motor assembly; and

a shroud assembly attached to the pump assembly, the shroud assembly, comprising:

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein the shroud at least partially encloses the motor assembly;

a sealing ring that prevents the wellbore fluid from entering the shroud at the connection end; and

a retaining ring that holds the sealing ring in place.

2. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the pump assembly further comprises a pump intake and the shroud is attached to the pump intake.

3. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the sealing ring comprises a sealing aperture whereby a cable can extend through the sealing aperture to the motor assembly.

4. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the sealing ring is formed of an elastomer material.

5. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the pump assembly is situated above the motor assembly and draws the wellbore fluid along the motor assembly.

6. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 5, wherein the shroud extends below the motor assembly.

7. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the retaining ring is attached to the pump assembly.

8. (Original) The submersible pumping system of claim 1, wherein the shroud is formed of sheet metal.

9. (Original) A shroud assembly for use with a pump assembly and a motor assembly for use in pumping wellbore fluid, the shroud assembly comprising:

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein the shroud at least partially encloses the motor assembly;

a sealing ring that prevents the wellbore fluid from entering the shroud at the connection end; and

a retaining ring that holds the sealing ring in place.

10. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the pump assembly further comprises a pump intake and the shroud is attached to the pump intake.

11. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the sealing ring comprises a sealing aperture whereby a cable can extend through the sealing aperture to the motor assembly.

12. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the sealing ring is formed of an elastomer material.

13. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the pump assembly is situated above the motor assembly and draws the wellbore fluid along the motor assembly.

14. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 13, wherein the shroud extends below the motor assembly.

15. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the retaining ring is attached to the pump assembly.

16. (Original) The shroud assembly of claim 9, wherein the shroud is formed of sheet metal.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (New) A downhole pumping system comprising:

a pump intake;

a shroud having a connection end and an intake end, wherein the connection end of the shroud is connected to the outer wall of the pump intake;

a pump connector plate connected to the top of the pump intake; and

a sealing ring disposed between the pump intake, the shroud and the pump connector plate.

19. (New) The downhole pumping system of claim 18, further comprising:

a retaining ring secured to the pump connector plate that captures the sealing ring in its position between the pump intake, the shroud and the pump connector plate.